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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report, prepared with the assistance of the World Bank Group, on new developments with regard to national geospatial data and information systems. The report will be made available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/8th-Session/). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on how the global geospatial information management community can actively contribute to the development of frameworks for national geospatial data and information systems for Member States.

Summary of the report

At its seventh session, held in New York from 2 to 4 August 2017, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 7/112, in which it expressed support for the collaborative agreement between the Statistics Division and the World Bank, which formulated a joint vision to promote growth and prosperity, to assist countries to take practical actions to achieve a digital transformation, and to bridge the geospatial digital divide in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Also in decision 7/112, the Committee of Experts acknowledged the need for collaboration to develop an overarching geospatial framework that countries could reference when implementing integrated evidence-based decision-making solutions that maximized and leveraged national systems tailored to their own situations.

In the report, information is provided on the joint efforts made by the Statistics Division and the World Bank to develop an integrated geospatial information framework as an overarching strategic policy guide and reference for countries that are developing, strengthening and modernizing their national geospatial information management, systems and infrastructure, capacities and capabilities in order to achieve national strategic priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals.

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